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Secretary Kimberly D. Bose
Federal Energy Regulatory Commission
888 First St. NE
Washington, DC 20426

Re: FERC Docket Numbers CP16-454-000 and CP16-455-000

Dear Secretary Bose:

I am writing to express my support for NextDecade's Rio Grande liquefied natural gas (LNG) project in Brownsville, Texas. This project will bring positive developments to the Brownsville area and South Texas. The export of LNG ultimately benefits our nation and our trading partners.

The economic impact of this project has immediate benefits for the South Texas region and long-term implications for the Permian Basin by allowing more export and production of the nation's largest oil and gas play.

Additionally, the project will provide environmental benefits and allow Texas to be a leader in the export of cleaner energy that could ultimately displace more carbon-intensive fuels around the world. The growth in natural gas use for power generation has contributed to the meaningful decline in U.S. carbon emissions over the past twelve years, 2005 and 2017, according to the U.S. Energy Information Administration. The report that carbon dioxide (CO₂) emissions have declined by 2,360 million metric tons (MMmt) is no doubt due to the proliferation of natural gas in U.S. power generation.

For these reasons, I strongly support NextDecade's Rio Grande LNG project and urge FERC to issue its Final Environmental Impact Statement.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Christi Craddick". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Christi Craddick
Chairman, Railroad Commission of Texas